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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rule prescribed for giving SLR of trains on lease;

(b) the reasons for booking goods (on lease at starting station on SWA (Sender Weight Acceptance when weighing machine is working properly and there is proper lighting arrangement at parcel office in Delhi Division; and

(d) the reasons for giving SLR on lease when goods booked by Railways are lying in sheds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) Under the SLR leasing scheme, space in the luggage compartments of the front SLR (brakevan) of passenger carrying trains is leased out by inviting bids through open tenders. As per rules, loading/unloading of parcels is done by the leaseholder and is not supervised by the Railways. The leaseholder is required to give declaration regarding the number and details of packages and that the total weight of the packages does not exceed the permissible loading limit. Each parcel is not required to be weighed under this scheme for bulk booking of parcel traffic and parcel are accepted on the basis of declaration given by the leaseholder. However, random checks are conducted at destination station and penalty charges raised if over loading is detected. The parcels booked through Railway, are being claqeared in rear brakevan (SLR), byParcel Vans (VP) and also by running parcel express trains. by introduction of SLR leasing scheme, the Railways` earnings have increased.